

COLUMBIA PARKS AND RECREATION
Public Comments for
Magnolia Falls Park Development
Meeting Held July 30, 2019

Online Comments were open from July 17, 2019 through August 8, 2019

Which Park Plan do you prefer:

Proposed Park Masterplan and Phase One Improvements: 100

Alternate Park Plan: 0

Please comment on what you like about the proposed potential improvements. Please be concise.

- I would like to take the large playground from the Alternate Park Plan (B) and place it in the center of the Phase One Improvement Plan. No basketball court or soccer field. I would like the trail in place to updated. A parking lot will be important. Please do not clear the “understory” as it is a good, natural “buffer” between the neighborhood and park area (at least on the south side of the creek).
- Do not cut down trees/brush. No basketball courts. Keep tree line intact.
- Would like to sit down and talk about the property line next to the park. My house (property) is on the trail line.
- Please do not cut down trees.
- Keeping of the trees. I like the use of a parking lot.
- We need adequate parking. Right now people park with in the subdivisions and along the road it is dangerous and not safe. Major liability!
- I would add lighting to the parking lot to deter unwanted night time visitors that would use the lot as a staging area to gain access to Magnolia Falls, we have issue already with this. Keep as many healthy trees as possible so as to keep privacy for Magnolia Falls Remove the basketball court in favor of a larger pavilion with out door cooking Stock the pond with fish On the fence about the soccer field, if this was just short mowed grass for multi use no goal needed Add seating benches through out the park
- As someone who lives in the back of Magnolia Falls, this makes me feel like my family and house will no longer be safe. I'm concerned either plan, but especially Option B, will encourage unknown people into my neighborhood and robberies would increase. I honestly would prefer this space to be returned to its originally beauty. If not, I we will just have to move.
- Larger playground with options for young and older kids. Take out the soccer field to make space for larger playground. Previously we lived in Woodridge neighborhood behind park - field never used except by occasional soccer team. No bathroom so kids/parents all going in woods.
- One thing I am concerned with is the cutting down of the undergrowth. We have lots of wild blackberries and milkweed for Monarch butterflies down there. It would be a huge shame to loose all that. Also the undergrowth gives more privacy to our neighborhood.
- Southwest Columbia is beautiful because it still contains relatively undisturbed green space. I would prefer not to destroy more of our natural environment by paving over it for the sake of yet another basketball court

or shelter. Could the area be used simply as a place to enjoy nature? (i.e. nature trail, ponds, native species, etc.) I do not support option B as it places facilities entirely within our neighborhood encouraging more traffic. I do not want to endanger our many young children.

- I would prefer neither option. It would be great if we could preserve the trees, and natural habitat. Maybe add a walking trail, clean up the pond, add a bridge, and water feature, and a small play set. Please don't add a basketball court and/or soccer field. This area out here is so nice and peaceful. Why does Columbia feel the need to "develop " everything? Preserve natural beauty. Lastly, I would prefer not to see added traffic through our neighborhood.
- I am very happy with Plan A! My daughters can't wait for a new playground in town, and would like to suggest a couple things: that one of the swings be a double swing, monkey bars that don't curve around, and a very tall slide (like American Legion). I think the bigger the playground, the better!
- Clearly after the public input meeting the Magnolia Falls neighborhood feel like less is more however there needs to be adequate parking from the beginning. Bringing people into our neighborhood to park is not reasonable .
- If these are truly my only options. Phase I option. Please do not cut down any trees bordering Magnolia Falls. Phase 2 option is unnecessary because there are already those amenities off Scott Blvd, not far from where this proposed project is. No need to double what we already have. Also, please maintain these grounds appropriately! Mowing once a month in the summer leaves unsightly lawn clippings everywhere.
- We need adequate parking people.
- The proposed plans aren't labeled A or B. They are listed as proposed plans and alternate plan. So I assume the first plan with the parking lot is option A and the second option B. I prefer the Option A if it is the plan with the parking lot. My only concern is how close the playground is to the pond.
- Please add a disc golf course and pickleball courts. These are not currently available on the southwest side of the city. Also, Columbia needs a public pool on the south side of the city...please!!
- I currently live in Magnolia Falls. One of the reason we chose this neighborhood was how well it blended the neighborhood with nature and how quiet it is. We'd love to see a deeper pond for fishing, a nice playground and keeping the rest in great shape with a new bridge and well kept trails and land. I'd really hate to see that nature space turned into a big play facility with everything you have listed. There are numerous deer and other animals that pass through there and it would really change their habitat. I'm concerned about trash issues and noise as well since it's a quiet area. The city hasn't done the best job with upkeep. I'd like to see it maintained better and keep it simple. We don't need to be impeding anymore on nature!
- Neither - I prefer it kept a greenspace. That being said if something has to go in I would limit it to walking trail and a playground. Clean up pond but do NOT enlarge or have stocked with fish. No basketball court or soccer fields. No lighting. Keep as many trees as possible. Small parking lot but do not change the gravel walking path into the MF neighborhood
- Option A, Phase one only! The least disruptive to the current park.
- Master Alternate Plan A. Thanks. -Jerry
- How about yall just improve upon what's already there, maybe now the grass regularly fix the bridge over the pond, install a bridge over the creek put a parking lot over there now so people don't traipse through the subdivision.

- A nice fence along side the park is needed. I would also suggest you put a parking lot out there ASAP. The current situation is highly dangerous with cars parking inside and beside the park. I am thinking about contacting my friend at the news station and getting a reporter out there if this is not promised and addressed at the July 30th meeting! Stay tuned.
- Master plan A looks good. Parking lot needs to be built immediately. Problems already exist with folks parking along side ole mill creek posing danger to kids in the park (as in being side swiped and being hit). build the parking lot thanks
- Try and make the park environment friendly. The parking lot must be included from the beginning.
- yeah, I guess we need the parking lot after all. Otherwise we're going to have major problems inside the subdivision. Is there anyway to include the parking lot in phase 1 ?
- Well after thinking about it if you're going to develop this [REDACTED] park you might as well put a SMALL parking lot in otherwise people are going to park on the [REDACTED] street inside the subdivision and that's going to cause an even bigger problems. Try and preserve the natural beauty.
- No parking lot. Not a good idea for this location.
- Only phase one. I would use that money to restore the park to its original condition. A nature area is what it should be and was intended for. Proper mowing and trail maintenance with clearing of dead timber only and restoration of the original water feature.
- PLEASE: NO PARKING LOT. Don't don't understand why anyone would tear down any large mature trees that provide our neighborhood with visual & sound privacy- in favor of crammed together playground-when there is a larger open space on the old mill creek road side of the creek.
- Page one only
- No parking lot. Master plan A
- NO basketball courts Small public parking lot, no lighting.
- Just clean up landscaping , repair pond (leak?) not holding water this year . Repair the fountain like it used to be . Make a cinder walking path . Do not add b-ball court or play set or anything that needs maintenance. Small parking lot off of Mill Creek road . Keep it natural .
- I like the master plan, but I do not want to see the area developed between the creek and Forsythia Falls Loop, therefore I am opposed to the alternate plan. There is plenty of room in the major park area for all aspects of the design, without bringing part of the development into the actual subdivision!
- by not having a parking directly off Old Mill Creek road, it brings people into Mag Falls subdivision and onto their streets. Not acceptable.
- Less is more. Alternate A should only be what's included in "Proposed Phase One Development" The proposed plans do not include information about proposed lighting. That is a major concern. Magnolia Falls is free of City light pollution, which is part of what sets our neighborhood apart.
- 1. Please do NOT cut down the big trees. Shade is always a bonus for the days that are hot not to mention the happiness it brings of seeing the trees. 2. The underbrush should be left in tack. There are blackberries and milkweed located in the underbrush which supplies food for numerous wildlife. Milkweed is essential for the Monarch Butterflies to survive. The Monarch Butterflies have been dwindling in numbers let us not add to their plight.

- I would love to see a beginner friendly disc golf course be added to the plans.
- Master Plan A. Here are my three suggestions: 1) a shaded playground 2) small parking lot is needed immediately! 3) please don't cut down and trees
- I would like it if Only Phase I was completed not phase II. If Phase II must be completed i would prefer less manmade concrete structures like the parking lot, Sport Court, fitness station, prefab shelters and bbq grills.
- I prefer option A, without the parking lot. We have enough issues with crime in our neighborhood and don't need to provide another obvious entry for thieves.
- No basketball court or parking lot, we can have basketball goals at our homes in magnolia falls.

Hello, I live in [REDACTED]. I believe we do not need a basketball court since our neighborhood currently allows basketball hoops in the driveways. I also don't believe we need a pavilion. If I had my wish we would leave the park as is with improvements to the trail and pond (stocking/expanding it). I would like for you to consider adding some sort of natural barrier (trees/pines) between my property and the trail that leads to the park from the neighborhood for a few reasons. First, there will be increased foot traffic using the neighborhood access trail behind my house and a barrier would help with privacy and act as a deterrent for people using my yard as a shortcut to and from the park, which has happened and will only increase in frequency with a developed park from neighbors coming from Mill Creek Manor and our neighborhood. A barrier will also cut down on some of the park noise that will no doubt increase with activity. Lastly, if a parking lot is put in then the headlights from traffic entering the park in the evening will certainly shine on my house/deck/backyard which will take away the privacy that we bought this house and property for. Thank you for your consideration. Please reach out with any questions, [REDACTED]

- I am a Magnolia Falls resident. When we bought our house, we were told it was a green space park that actually was part of the development. It was very attractive with the fountain and ponds and was very well maintained. It was part of the reason we purchased the home. Then the developer donated it to the city. As for the options, I am not fully committed to either but between the two, I would prefer a variation of Option A. I am very much in agreement with deepening the pond and cleaning up the walking trail. I also support the play areas for the smaller children and pavilions for the people to get out of the heat and sun. What I am strongly opposed to with Option A is any sort of picnic areas or BBQ grills, nor any basketball courts. This would keep it close to what we envisioned when we purchased our house, a quiet place for residents that adds value to our neighborhood. I believe including the options I excluded would actually bring in unwelcomed visitors and decrease property values. Option B is completely out of the question for me.
- Option A phase 1 only.
- Option A. Phase 1 Only
- Plan A all the way! Loosing all those huge privacy trees between the park and our subdivision via alt plan B is not acceptable. Save the trees!
- Definitely Option A!
- I reside in Magnolia Falls and I support Option A
- I couldn't tell from the plan, but is there a fence or anything marking the difference in the neighborhood and the park area? That would be my concern.

- The only individuals that would utilize the park would be in the immediate area of Magnolia Falls Neighborhood. With this in mind, there is no need for basketball hoops or soccer fields that will not be utilized. The \$125,000 should focus on making the pond as large as possible, with a nice loop trail and bridge fix. Nothing more is needed. The larger the pond, would be a beautiful scenic view for those coming up around Old Mill Creek Road, while still maintaining as many mature trees as possible to protect privacy to the neighborhood. Please keep the privacy maximized to the neighborhood and maximize the pond with the allotment. Do Not build on the understory clearing side of the park (south side of the creek).
- Phase 1 of alternate A is good enough. Nobody wants a parking lot. Less is more.
- Neither plan is suitable in my opinion. I would love to see the parks department take a "less is more" approach to this park. As someone who really enjoys the creek area, and it's natural environment, I would love to see it remain as natural as possible. I love the idea of a well maintained walking trail and a new bridge. Even a small play structure would be nice, but I think it would be a big mistake to add amenities on the neighborhood side of the creek. And, I would not want to see a parking lot down there either. I would prefer that the parks department try to widen the road slightly and add bike lanes up to Nifong/Vawter School Road.
- Please cut the least number of trees. I am strongly against option B, it will change the view of many houses dramatically and will make the neighborhood very exposed
- Option a Phase One only
- I don't like how close the playground is to the pond. I think the playground should be relocated farther away from the pond or put a fence around the pond. Also, would it be possible to put a drinking fountain somewhere?
- Add a dog park
- For the love of all that is peaceful and quiet please don't put the park on the south side of the creek. My house is directly across from that.
- Option A PHASE ONE ONLY
- Alternate A, phase 1 only. No parking lot. We want to maintain the integrity of this space and keep as many trees/as much privacy as possible. Less is more!!!
- Option A Phase 1 ONLY. No parking lot.
- Larger pond. Keep trees. No playground or basketball or bbq area is needed.
- No need for playgrounds. Focus attention on the walking trail keeping nature intact.
- NO PARKING LOT. Area is too isolated for parking lot area activity at night. Do not cut down existing trees along creek. Keep it natural looking. That is the best part about this area. Feels like you are in the country.
- I indicated Option A, but want to make it noted that Option A- PHASE ONE is what I'm truly supporting. However, I did not see that option available from the drop down menu provided. The idea of a parking lot off of the main road is a bit frightening to me as it gives a "back way" for those outside of our community to sneak in and contribute to the crime we have seen in our neighborhood. The park is conveniently located for the Magnolia Falls residents to walk without the need of a parking lot. Plan B appears to remove too many of the beautiful trees that surround the subdivision and make it the wonderful place that it is to live.

- Option A Phase 1 is preferred although Opt A would be best with 1) maintaining grass/wildflower floodplain, 2)improving slope to existing low water bridge of new ped bridge. The Opt A Master Plan is not preferred since I would like to maintain the natural beauty. In addition, please do not add a youth soccer field, sport court and outdoor fitness station. Opt B is even less desirable as it cuts down the beautiful buffer of mature trees from Magnolia Falls Neighborhood and exposes that area to the road. The sports court, prefab shelter and large playground are intrusive to the neighborhood and take away the natural beauty of our trees and wildflowers.
- Absolutely no plan B. Phase 1 of A only. No concrete anywhere. Keep all trees and restore water feature to its original state. Please keep it mowed and trimmed better than it has been.
- For the love of all that is peaceful and holy please don't go beyond Option A phase 1 ONLY. Nobody in Magnolia Falls wants a parking lot off of old Millcreek road or anywhere near it. Do you want to have a successful meeting July 30th and make 99% of magnolia falls residence happy? Simple say this: "parks & rec hears you. A parking lot off old mill creek road will not be built.
- Increase distance between parking lot and play structure for safety. Consider adding fruit trees when you landscape the park. Apple and peach trees, please! (Public food spaces are a great addition that bring people to parks and bring joy to families/children.)
- Why enhance a park with amenities (bridge, trails etc) for all to use and not create adequate parking? Are you expecting people to park in the grass or in the adjacent subdivisions? This a serious ADA issue.
- Add a 9 hole beginner style Disc Golf course. I LOVE the new course on strawn road, but it's not the sort of course my wife or kids would enjoy. Their attention span for the sport is nine holes instead of 18, and shorter holes than most at Harmony Bends. I currently go play the front 9 with them at Albert-Oakland Park top course, it'd be nice to have a course like that on our side of town(south side).
- Nothing, I like the plan as it is.
- Why are there no parking accommodation plans at the park? Magnolia Falls and Mill Creek already have enough problems with crime via parking on the streets. It is irresponsible to develop park amenities, entice others to visit without adequate parking.
- Adequate parking so the public does not park within Magnolia Falls is requested.
- Master Plan A. Would it be possible to build the parking lot along Mill Creek Road sooner than Phase 2? Parking within Magnolia Falls near the park is already a real problem. Once you enhance the park the problem is only likely to become exacerbated. Thanks in advance.
- Phase one only. No basketball courts. No large parking lots
- We need adequate parking off of old Mill Creek. Otherwise we have Increased noise, traffic through the neighborhood, possibly cars parked in front of their homes to get to bridge, view, and possibly losing a tree line that has provided privacy to their home.
- It is extremely important that trees and underbrush not be disturbed. Part of the beauty of this park is it's mature trees and abundance of wildlife. In the underbrush is an entire ecosystem full of milkweed (important nesting and food source for the threatened monarch butterfly) and wild blackberries. I do NOT want that disturbed. I do not like the basketball court as it removes green space, which is what should be most valued in this park. Under no circumstances should you select option B. It would remove the natural barrier between the road and Magnolia Falls subdivision while also encouraging the public to travel the neighborhood and park in the road. Bottom line: do everything you can to preserve the natural beauty of the park.

- What is all this phase 1 stuff about option A? Where the heck do you expect people to park in the meantime? Inside Magnolia Falls along our streets or in front of our houses?
- A bit more or less Option A Master plan is the favorite, many folks, myself included, told Parks and Rec yesterday we MUST have parking along old mill creek. Unfortunately parking is not included in phase 1 of plan A. This is a major concern. All it takes is one or two people to find out about it and then we've got people parked up and down the road inside of our subdivision across from our houses until 11 or later.
- I do not like either proposed plan to be honest. I think majority of the neighbors would like to keep the park more of a nature destination. So in the one plan the tree line between our neighborhood and the park is cleared, which I do not like and think the neighbors right there would be upset to lose their view, privacy, and noise reducer from the road. I as well as many neighbors prefer not to have basketball hoops since our neighborhood allows us to have those in our driveways. I do not like the thought of a soccer field, because typically soccer fields are used for practice which will become a traffic concern for our neighborhood depending if a parking lot is available or not. We have a lot of little kids in our neighborhood and adding traffic is a huge concern for us. I think a good compromise would be to enhance the walking trail, rebuild the pond with fountain as it once was and add a play structure for little ones. I think that would make everyone the most happy. I have to say there was a lady from Mill Creek Manor at the meeting that has strong opinions. Several of us do not think Mill Creek Manor residents input should be put in front of Magnolia Falls residents because Mill Creek Manor already has their own park that has a playground, walking trail, and pond. I understand it will be a public park, but I do not think their "wants" should be factored as their homes are not right there at the park and the traffic would not effect their neighborhood. Thank you for all your considerations
- My main request would be for the larger playground to be built first/sooner, but I understand that may not be possible given the budget set aside for the first phase.
- Sorry for not following the format. I am a Magnolia Falls resident. Given the two options I have selected Option A. That said, I really do not like either of the options, and definitely not option B. My biggest concerns are the noise associated with certain activities, like basketball, crime associated with certain demographics of non-residents coming into the neighborhood and decreased property values associated with these activities. I would much prefer we keep as much green space as possible, meaning clean up the ponds, replace the bridge across the one pond, repair the fountain in the one pond, clean up the walking trail and maybe add some fish. When I spoke earlier of "activities" I was referring to these types of things ... Play area - I am ok with a plan area for the younger kids. These are mostly used by mothers and young children during the daytime hours, mostly local people, and do not generate much noise. Also, a pavilion for the mothers to get some shade would be nice. Grassy play field - This seems like a natural extension of the play area mentioned above and would be a welcomed benefit. Basketball - This is a very unattractive option for me. The demographics is typically 15 to 25 year olds that are non-residents and drive into the neighborhood. Magnolia Falls allows basketball courts so all the residents that want them already have them in their driveway or can add them themselves. There is simply too much negative attached to having this demographic or people in the vicinity, stolen bicycles, break ins of automobiles, theft and general noise concerns associated with the activity, especially with the park closing at 10:00PM or 11:00PM. Pavilions and grills - This is not a desirable option for me due to the fact that outside family will use that's for family gatherings and generate a lot of noise, especially on weekends when the residents are enjoying their family time. I believe this would have the same overall negative qualities of a basketball court.
- Everything. Needs to be kept as serene green space for walking and enjoying the paradise and not concrete parking lot and ball courts. Too much traffic on road with many safety concerns.
- Option A phase 1 only
- This development has clearly needed a parking place for years. This is my only comment. Good luck.

- Look to add a Novice/beginner 9 hole disc golf course. Columbia is already well established on the north side of town with its courses, but there is a need for this type of beginner course in the Columbia area and especially on the south side of town.
- I support option A master plan, but where are people supposed to park during any phase of any plan? Either plan will cause people to park inside Magnolia Falls Subdivision along Forsythia Falls Loop. How does parks and rec plan to deal with this issue? Full disclosure, I am a local attorney and we live inside the Mag Falls subdivision across from the park path into the park.
- I choose A; because I do not like how Plan-B takes away green-space and puts a basketball-court inside the subdivision. Would be very displeased with this.
- Enchanted the natural beauty dont cut down Trees and for goodness sakes make a place for people to park off old mill creek road thanks
- I would much prefer the land to stay as green space. It is much too close to the road to be safe as a park and the neighborhood DOES NOT want it.
- I ask the City of Columbia to consider not choosing either option but instead work to keep this donated parcel of land, from the developer of Magnolia Falls Subdivision, as a means for land preservation! Old Mill Creek Road is a small county road that has always had and still maintains a peaceful country setting which is the main reason most homeowners have chosen to purchase homes in this area. I personally live in Magnolia Falls and my home is one that will be directly affected by the discussion of a city park. A city park naturally brings with it noise, traffic, loss of privacy, and as numerous statistics show, crime. Our subdivision has been hit with numerous crime incidents in the last couple years and the addition of the city park will only naturally increase this; especially with the non-lit access from the county road. Large play structures with pavilion and grills will remove the country atmosphere many people chose this area for and change it into another suburban over-developed area. Columbia is saturated with parks of many sorts for our town residents to choose from without taking away from the natural green space the many homeowners in this neighborhood purchased for. Columbia is on the verge of overdeveloping any remaining green space. Just over 1 mile from the proposed site of this proposed city park there are four well-equipped parks for people to choose from including, 2 city parks; Jay Dix Park and Cosmo Bethel Park and 2 school parks; Mill Creek Elementary and Beulah Ralph Elementary. Not only is there not a need for another park this close to four others but the road in which the proposed park resides is curvy and dangerous and would not be well suited for traffic pulling on and off. I strongly ask that you please consider the preservation of the land and find a way to keep its natural beauty without man-made structures.
- We need parking along kill creek soon. By developing the park you will attract people to it. As of now they are parking inside the subdivision and along the streets and roads. Not good. Please address this.
- First and foremost, thank you for making plans to improve our park, it has become really ran down in the last few years and I'm excited to see the improvements. The only thing that I don't care for is the soccer field and sport court. I'd love to see a dog park added and the pond enlarged.
- No basketball court please No lighting Keep as natural and green as possible PLEASE bring back the water feature in the pond Small parking lot preferred. I live down at the bottoms on Forsythia Falls Loop directly across and I'd be very uncomfortable with cars parking on my street to access. We built there specifically due to being private and not having anything across from us or additional traffic.

What would you change about the proposed potential improvements? Please be concise.

- Bathroom facilities, water fountain, larger pond with benches.
- Large Playground area, Pavilion just larger, fix up the walking path to be more usable, expansion on the pond, fixing the bridge from Magnolia Falls and making the access path concrete

- Love the fence for safety. Will there be pipe bollards? Cars speed around those two turns.
- I like that Option A is not right on top of our neighborhood. I love the idea of the park within walking distance, but I don't want a park right on top of homes in our neighborhood like Option B would have.
- I like the idea of enlarging the pond. It also appears that the plan intends to preserve mature trees which I favor.
- I really like the parking lot, because people visiting our park would have to drive all the way through our neighborhood to park if there's not one. I like that there are two shelters. I like the addition of the court and field, since there's plenty of room for them, still leaving lots of green space with the walking trail, for people who are concerned about that. My girls like the big playground with swings! I really appreciate Plan A, and the hard work you do making all of our playgrounds so cool!
- I actually do not like either option you've presented. Why not restore the walking path, beautify the grounds & leave as little footprint on this land as possible?
- I like option A (if it is the one with the parking lot) because it has several recreational things available, like soccer field, playground and sports court. I would think an extra soccer practice field in that area of town would be a good thing. Other families might have to drive to the soccer field so it would be good to have parking. I also like the swings. Option B looks more like a way for the subdivision to have its natural area in the flood plain but turn the maintenance over to the city. Option B looks like the playground is accessible to the subdivision only.
- Mostly, I like the idea that it will be maintained so we can all enjoy the neighborhood gatherings that keep this community close.
- Trail, neighborhood connector, shelter
- Deeper pond and playground
- Saving the trees.
- Just mow and trim the park regularly
- I like the shelter maybe you could make it solar powered. No BRIGHT lights please
- Don't mess it up.
- Include the parking lot form the beginning people already park inside the subdivision and along the road it is really annoying
- Area beautification. Keep it natural!!!
- No parking lot. No parking lot.
- I like the path and the idea that the park would be mowed regularly so that it is useable. Don't need playgrounds or courts.
- No bright lights. This is be a small out of the way park. Magnolia Falls already has problems with burglaries. Any parking lot invites bad elements. Please for the love of God do not put a parking lot in this park. It Will only cause problems.

- Deepen ponds, Add fish or gold fish to observe. Large Playground. Bring the trails back to life. Rubber mulch to be extra safe and last longer.
- I like the proposal that has the least amount of change . The city is not doing a good job of mowing and weed control especially around the trees and bushes . Why would we want to add a play area or b-ball court that has to be maintained ???
- I'd like to see a nature themed playground with browns/greens, rocks, wood, etc. Something that will blend into the beautiful natural scenery rather than stick out with bright colors.
- I like all aspects of the park! I like the proposed walking trail. I have walked "what remains" of a walking trail but the entire area has been so neglected that the entire area was basically unusable! When designing, you must take into consideration, the creek will on rare occasion, briefly overflow in this area. I anxiously await the development of this park and will definitely use it!
- The walking trail and shelter design.
- 1. The gravel trail is a wonderful idea. Many benefits will be had by all with the trail i.e. walking, jogging, little ones on their tricycles and bicycles, etc. 2. The expansion of the pond would provide more exploration for the kids and wonderment of all it can offer. 3. Two playgrounds for the variance of ages is ideal. The amount of possible accidental injuries would be greatly reduced for the bigger kids and little ones running in to each other. With the excitement of playing patience is not always in the forefront of any child's mind.
- I like the A proposal with the larger playground.
- I like the gravel walking path and larger lake. I like that there are no structures built south of the creek with Alternative A. I'm ok with the playground for kids with Alternative A. I live at 5000 Forsythia Falls Loop next to park and would appreciate it if you could leave a dense vegetation buffer in the wooded area to the left of my house so i could maintain privacy at my house.
- I have two young children and live at the bottom of Forsythia Falls Loop. Option B brings things way too close to our homes. I prefer a clear distinction between public park space and the privacy and comfort of my own home.
- Walking path. Please keep park as natural as possible. I love all the trees including the smaller magnolias.
- Trail improvements Pond expansion
- I like the low fence around the park especially along KK and old mill creek rd.
- Plan A all the way!
- I think option A is the best choice for Magnolia Falls park and subdivision.
- I like that the playground in this one isn't so close to the neighborhood.
- Looks great. Just stop at phase 1 of Alternate A.
- I like the playground, soccer field, basketball court, and shelter with BBQ. Looks like it will be a fun park!
- Looks good
- The layout and amenities.

- Option A Phase One all looks fine and dandy but stop there, we don't want a parking lot
- If the property must be developed, then I think this will be a nice use of space for neighborhood families.
- Option A keeps a barrier. Like installing a pond. Please make pond larger
- The walking trail.
- Pond is a beautiful idea, would love the full allotment to be split between making the pond as large as possible, and the loop trail. keeping mature trees as privacy to neighborhood is imperative
- I like that this plan keeps more trees in between the neighborhood and the park. I believe leaving as much green space as possible that separates the park from the neighborhood would be best.
- Please No parking lot. Option A Phase 1 ONLY
- I prefer Opt A Phase 1. I like enlarging the pond, playground, gravel trail.
- Restoring the ponds. Do not destroy our wide open space and nature
- Improving on existing park without destroying the natural beauty should be the goal.
- +Multiple picnic shelters +Proximity of picnic shelter to lake +Addition of exercise circuit and soccer field/goal for adults and older youth
- I like the access off Old Mill Creek Rd as apposed to the plan where most access would be in the Magnolia Falls neighborhood. This plan allows more of the Columbia citizens to use and would not have parking inside the neighborhood.
- I support option A master plan, but where are people supposed to park during any phase of any plan? Either plan will cause people to park inside Magnolia Falls Subdivision along Forsythia Falls Loop. How does parks and rec plan to deal with this issue? Full disclosure, I am a local attorney and we live inside the Mag Falls subdivision across from the park path into the park. I will be at the July 30th meeting.
- Over plan A looks good. Install adequate parking. Immediately.
- I will be at the meeting. Please address the parking concerns. Parking within Magnolia Falls Subdivision is already a problem! Put in a place for for people to park already. Thank you ! :-)
- The preservation of the undeveloped natural land is most important to me. The idea of expanding the current pond, maintaining the tall grass/wildflower flood plain, and walking trail improvement would be ideal. Less is more!
- I like the idea of improved trails and water features
- I like the expansion and improvement of the pond, the two playgrounds for different ages, and the bridge to the park from Magnolia Falls. I love, most of all, the gravel trail that will go around the property. That is by far my favorite aspect of this park.
- I think the proposed improvements look good.
- I like the walking trail, but there are lots of ticks in that area and it is imperative that the grass not be allowed to grow tall and should be well maintained so that people feel comfortable walking down there without fear of getting lyme disease.

- I like the trails and area for kids in the proposed plans
- Plan A - Phase 1 appears adequate in keeping native plantings. However, MasterPlan is rather crowded and does not do good job of maintaining green-space the same way (e.g. plan B is better at this). Would recommend keeping swing-set for children - maybe even the soccer-field, but consider taking out the basketball court; and, making the parking lot even smaller (~5-6 spaces).
- Also please share the results of the survey at the July 30th meeting
- Love the idea of it looking maintained again!
- See above

Additional E-mailed Comments Received:

Parking Lot-needs to have one, needs to be out at the main road, we do not need traffic coming through our neighborhood to park, those folks who bought their homes across from the park did so early and did so for the privacy. I believe I was told no lights were planned for said parking lot, if it is going to be out at the road I think this is a mistake, I do not think they need to be tall light poles or anything, but one fear our neighborhood does have is we have had run ins with break ins and groups combing our neighborhood looking for unlocked cars at night and braking into garages. A lot fear this lot could act as a staging point for said criminals and adding light to the lot would probably deter some of this from happening.

Playground and Shelter-lots of kids in our neighborhood, I wouldn't mind seeing a good sized play area and good sized pavilion and seating.-was not for the soccer field at first till it was more pointed out that it would be a multipurpose kind of area, I'm all for that, not for actual league use though, I don't think you could make a lot big enough for something like that.-I'm on the fence with basketball court, I know the folks who live right near the park fear the noise level from said court.

Trees-think it was said trees were a priority to keep as many healthy ones as possible and get rid of any diseased or dying trees, all for this but the more trees the better to give Magnolia Falls some privacy from folks not from our neighborhood.

Pond-making the pond larger and stocking with fish would be a good thing

Bathrooms?? Any bathrooms planned?

Walking trail fixed up would be awesome with benches here and there?

Fenced in, was told you plan to put up a split rail style fence, great idea.

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Thank you for your participation.
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